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SENATE BILL 26

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION; CREATING
DISTRICTS; PROVIDING FOR ELECTIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSIONERS-- ELECTION--
TERMS. --

A. Public regulation commissioners shall be elected
at the general election for staggered four-year terms, beginning
on January 1 next following their election; provided that the
first election of commissioners and the initial terms of those
commissioners shall be as provided in Subsection B of this
section.

B. Five commissioners shall be elected at the first
election of commissioners in 1998. The commissioners elected at
the first election shall immediately classify themselves by lot,

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1 so that two of the five elected shall hold office for an initial
2 two-year term and three for an initial four-year term.
3 Thereafter, all terms shall be for four years; provided that if
4 a vacancy occurs prior to completion of a term, the vacancy
5 shall be filled for the unexpired term only.

6 C. After serving two consecutive terms, including
7 the initial two-year terms of the two commissioners chosen by
8 lot after the first election, a commissioner is ineligible to
9 hold office as a commissioner until one full four-year term has
10 intervened.

11 Section 2. PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS. --

12 A. Public regulation commissioners shall be elected
13 from districts as follows:

14 (1) one commissioner shall be elected from each
15 of the three congressional districts in the state; and

16 (2) two commissioners shall be elected
17 statewide.

18 B. In the event the number of New Mexico's
19 congressional districts is increased to four, then one
20 commissioner shall be elected as shall be provided by law from
21 each of the four districts and one commissioner shall be elected
22 statewide.

23 Section 3. TEMPORARY PROVISION-- 1998 ELECTION-- PUBLIC
24 REGULATION COMMISSION. --The first election for the public
25 regulation commission, which shall include all five

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1 commissioners, shall occur at the primary and general elections
2 in 1998. The secretary of state shall designate the five
3 positions for which candidacies will be accepted. There shall
4 be no election for a state corporation commissioner in 1998.

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